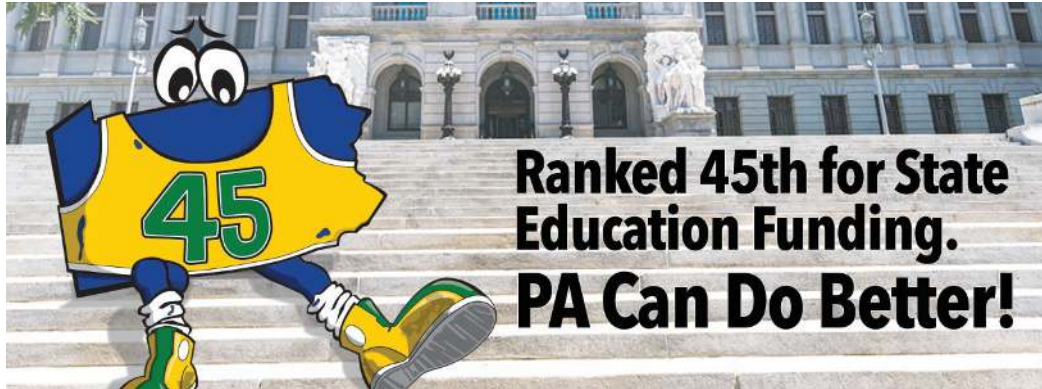


## WHY WE NEED THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO STEP UP FOR PA'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS



### TALKING POINTS

- **86%** of students attend school districts that are not adequately funded under Pennsylvania state law.
- The state's share of total district spending is 38%, which ranks the state **45th** in the country. The national median is 48%.
- 277 PA school districts need more than **\$2,000** more per student to adequately support their students' learning needs, enabling them to graduate ready to compete in today's economy.
- Pennsylvania is underfunding its public schools by **\$4.6 billion**.
- Graduation rates are **20%** higher in the wealthiest districts (94% vs. 74%).
- The growing funding gap averages **\$4,800** per student between poor and wealthy districts.

CLOSE PENNSYLVANIA'S **\$4.6B** PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING GAP

Property taxes are rising, and public schools are struggling.

**A major down payment in the FY 2022-23 budget is an urgent necessity.**